



RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO ESTABLISH A CHINESE GARDEN WITHIN FOSTER BOTANICAL GARDEN TO COMMEMORATE THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF DR. SUN YAT SEN.

WHEREAS, the Foster Botanical Garden ("Garden") master plan, completed in 2003, called for an Asian garden to be developed within the Garden, and noted at the time that the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Hawaii Foundation had approached the City and County of Honolulu ("City") to request that a memorial be placed in this garden to honor Dr. Sun Yat Sen and the many Hawaii supporters striving to have a democratic China; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sun Yat Sen spent his formative years in Hawaii, having been educated at two of Hawaii's private educational institutions namely, Punahou School and Iolani School; and

WHEREAS, as a young boy between the ages of 13-17, Dr. Sun Yat Sen regularly walked through the Chinatown neighborhood and in particular, the areas that are now encompassed by the Garden; and

WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii and the residents of Honolulu in particular, contributed greatly to the success of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's political organizing, fundraising and fighting spirit, which in turn facilitated the overthrow of Imperial China, built a more democratic China, and founded the Republic of China; and

WHEREAS, there exists a site, currently underutilized as a vehicle maintenance yard, which would be an ideal spot because of its proximity to the Garden's entrance to establish a Chinese garden dedicated to Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his Hawaii supporters of the revolution and establishing Asia's first Republic; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Dr. Sun Yat Sen Chinese Garden at this specific site would generate increased visitor traffic to the Garden by culturally linking the Garden and the Sun Yat Sen Heritage Trail through Chinatown, the planned Chinatown transit station and other public transportation stops in its proximity; and

WHEREAS, the City has six sister city relationships with cities in the People's Republic of China and a sister city relationship with Kaoshiung, Taiwan, and a Chinese garden honoring Dr. Sun Yat Sen would both recognize the pivotal role that Hawaii



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played in cultivating a visionary Chinese political leader, Dr. Sun Yat Sen, and provide a geographical focal point for said sister cities to celebrate the mutually beneficial cultural, economic, and social exchanges between themselves and the City; and

WHEREAS, November 12, 2016, marks the 150th anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's birth; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that there is a compelling need to establish a Chinese garden within Foster Botanical Garden to celebrate and honor the 150th anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's birth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it requests the City Administration to establish a Dr. Sun Yat Sen Chinese Garden within Foster Botanical Garden to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's birthday honoring Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his multitude of Hawaii supporters; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

INTRODUCED BY:

12.1.15
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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

APR 13 2015

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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By: ERNEST MARTIN

Committee: COUNCIL

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Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

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RESOLUTION 15-94 WAS ADOPTED.

9 AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KOBAYASHI, MANAHAN, MARTIN,
MENOR, OZAWA, PINE.

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN TAKAHASHI, ACTING CITY CLERK



ERNEST Y. MARTIN, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER